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- * SOURCE Paragraph 1: Through a reliable channel from an Egyptian journalist with excellent contacts in Wafd, Arab League and various government circles.
Paragraph 2: Through a reliable channel in 'Amman from a well-placed source.

- Hajj Amin Husayni, the ex-Mufti of Jerusalem, was instrumental in securing a two months' postponement of the Arab League's decision on the extradition of political criminals, in spite of the insistence of Iraq, Jordan, and Lebanon that it should be passed during the League's current session.¹ The ex-Mufti's objective, in agreement with 'Azzam Pasha and Salah-al-Din Pasha, is to arrange in the interim for Colonel 'Abdullah Tal and Musa Ahmad Ayyubi (both of whom have been sentenced to death in absentia for complicity in the murder of King 'Abdullah) to escape to Pakistan or some other Moslem country.²
- Another source stated that the ex-Mufti has been in touch with King Ibn Sa'ud concerning the future of Colonel Tal. The ex-Mufti has obtained King Ibn Sa'ud's agreement to employ 'Abdullah Tal as a colonel in the Saudi Arabian Army, in the event of Tal's expulsion from Egypt.

- Source Comment. A motion for the legal extradition between the Arab states of political criminals was considered by the Political Committee of the Arab League on 10 October 1951; discussion was adjourned to allow the governments concerned to comment, on condition that a comment reached the League within two months, when legislation to become effective and would be put into operation, if no reply had been received in the meantime.
- Washington Comment. According to a radio broadcast by the Ankara radio on 31 October 1951, al-Tal is expected to take over the command of the liberation battalions in Egypt.

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